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April 23, 2008

The Honorable Barbara Marshall, Chair and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Marshall and Councilmembers:

Subject: Bill 18, CD1 – Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

DPP requests adjustment of its budget to correctly identify the funding source for the \$450K Drive Akamai item which is being transferred. The current draft apparently takes that funding from DPP's General Fund. It should have been taken from the Highway Fund (\$200,000) and the Sewer Fund (\$250,000). The net result of this is to leave DPP's budget \$450,000 short in the General Fund which is used to fund supplies and equipment for our operations.

In addition, we <u>request restoration</u> of vacancy funding cuts to allow us to continue our stepped-up recruitment efforts to fill vacancies. Those efforts have produced significant results. We are working with former Aloha Airlines employees and the UH Planning School to contract interns to fill vacancies as well. Aggressive job listing websites and stepped-up advertising has been also used.

We respectfully request restoration of \$1,389,282 million (\$1,320,930 General Fund, \$68,352 Highway Fund) of \$2.9 million in proposed cuts to allow DPP to continue its recruitment. The restorations are from cuts listed on pages 3 and 5 of Bill 18, CD1.

We expect to fill 31 of 86 vacancies during the next fiscal year. The 31 vacancies represents 15 filled positions and 16 pending fills. Four of the filled positions and three of the pending fills are from the Aloha Airlines employee pool.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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